Transaction Overview

Transaction Rationale

- Accelerates WATER's expansion into key strategic states
 - Currently leading player in California, Georgia, and, upon completion of RightCHOICE acquisition, Missouri, with selected geographic presence elsewhere (Midwest and Texas)
 - Entry into important geographic region (large population base) through leading player with #1 market share
- ♦ WATER's management team, widely regarded as best in the industry, can enhance growth and profitability of CONGRESS
 - Public-company discipline and access to capital will invigorate CONGRESS management team and its growth opportunities
 - Generate operational synergies
 - Shared Blue Cross Blue Shield background should ease integration
 - Stronger platform from which to continue national geographic expansion
- Enhances position in marketplace as the "Blue Consolidator of Choice"
 - Recent acquisition of Cerulean (Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia) and pending acquisition of RightCHOICE (Blue Cross Blue Shield of Missouri) have given WATER strong track record and momentum as the leading consolidator
- ◆ Transaction Risks
 - CONGRESS' Maryland HMO business has faced financial challenges
 - Integration risk (CONGRESS/Delaware and WATER/CONGRESS)
 - High public visibility
 - Significant regulatory approval process

CONGRESS Business Overview

 An affiliation of Blue plans with presence in Delaware, D.C., Maryland and Northern Virginia, as well as TPA in West Virginia and North Carolina with:

• \$4.0 billion of operating revenues in 2001E

• 3.1 million members

• 6,300 associates

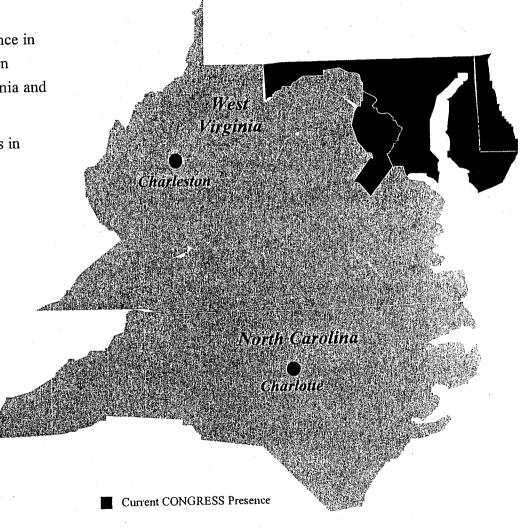
Potential market of 7.5 million customers

• #1 provider network in the Mid-Atlantic region

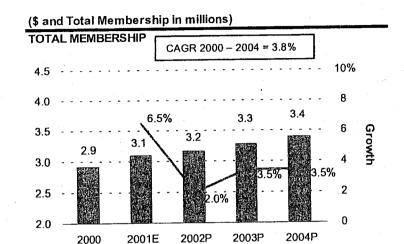
• #1 market position in three licensed service areas

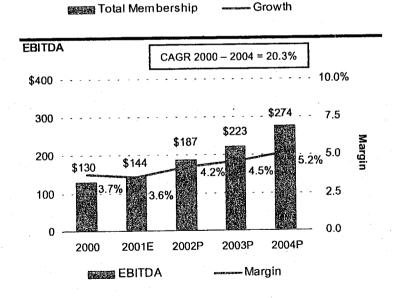
Largest provider of health insurance to federal employees

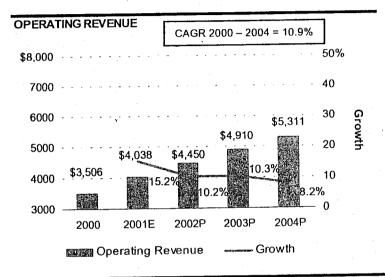
Products include HMO, PPO,
 POS and Indemnity Plans

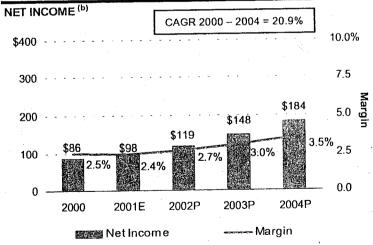


CONGRESS' Projected Financial Performance (a)



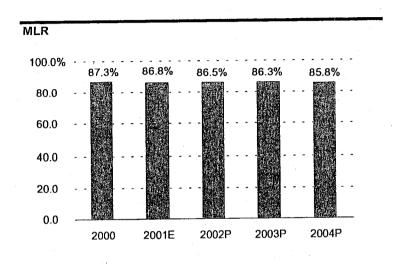


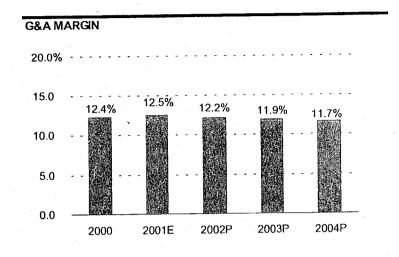


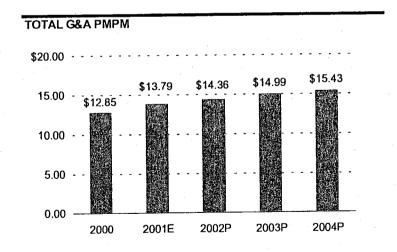


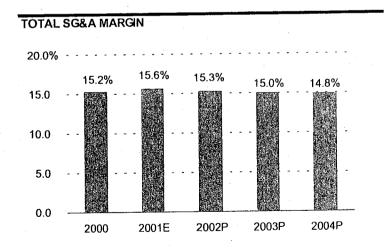
- (a) Membership and financial statistics as per WATER and CONGRESS Managements.
- (b) Based on tax rate of 20.2%.

CONGRESS' Projected Financial Performance (continued) (a)









(a) Financial statistics as per WATER and CONGRESS Managements.

CONGRESS' Projected Financial Performance (continued) (a)

(\$ and Total Membership in millions)

		Fiscal Years Ending December 31,											
	_	2000	2001E	2002P	2003P	2004P	2005P	2006P	2000 - 2006				
Insured Membership		1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.8	2.2%				
ASO Membership		1.3	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.8	5.4%				
Total Membership		2.9	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.7%				
Operating Revenue Growth	\$	3,506.3 \$	4,038.5 \$ 15.2%	4,450.1 \$ 10.2%	4,910.4 \$ 10.3%	5,310.6 \$ 8.2%	5,743.4 \$ 8.2%	6,211.5 8.2%	10.0%				
Operating Income Margin		77.2 2.2%	92.9 2.3%	129.7 2.9%	162.0 3.3%	209.3 3.9%	248.8 -4.3%	289.9 4.7%	24.7%				
EBITDA <i>Margin</i>		130.4 3.7%	143.7 3.6%	186.7 4.2%	222.7 4.5%	273.5 5.2%	316.3 5.5%	361.2 5.8%	18.5%				
EBIT Margin		94.8 2.7%	105.4 2.6%	141.7 3.2%	172.7 3.5%	213.1 <i>4.0%</i>	244.6 4.3%	285.2 4.6%	20.2%				
Net Income Margin		86.1 2.5%	98.0 2.4%	119.2 2.7%	147.9 3.0%	183.8 3.5%	216.1 3.8%	257.5 4.1%	20.0%				
Capital Expenditures		61.3	62.0	65.0	70.0	76.0	82.4	89.4	6.5%				

	Balance Sheet as of December 31,													
		2000		2001E		2002P		2003P		2004P		2005P		2006P
Restricted Cash & Invt. Unrestricted Cash & Equiv.	\$	926.6 50.0	\$	1,006.2 53.9	\$	1,068.2 116.9	\$	1,139.0 215.1	\$	1,196.3 349.1	\$	1,261.1 517.0	\$	1,330.9 722.3
Total Debt Stockholders' Equity	\$	18.1 691.6	\$	9.1 780.2	\$	899.5	\$	- 1,047.4	\$	- 1,231.2	\$	1,447.3	\$	- 1,704.7
Book Capitalization	\$	709.7	\$	789.3	\$	899.5	\$	1,047.4	\$	1,231.2	\$	1,447.3	\$	1,704.7
Total Assets	\$	1,950.4	\$	2,138.3	\$	2,357.6	-	2,629.3	\$	2,918.5	\$	3,250.3	\$	3,633.3

⁽a) Membership and financial statistics as per WATER and CONGRESS Managements.

CONGRESS Valuation Considerations